

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Andrew Feinstein on 10/19/09.

1. In claims 51, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, "for suppressing transcription of a Type I collagen gene, which comprises" is replaced with "comprising".
2. In claim 54 "improving" is replaced with "treating".
3. In claim 61, line 1, "An agent" is replaced with "A method"; in line 2, "administering" is inserted between "comprises" and "a" and "and an inert carrier" is replaced with "to a mammal in need thereof".
4. Claims 53, 56, 58 and 73 are deleted.

Telephone Inquiry

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